



## Washington Statistical Society

### Area Meetings and Courses for December 2006

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1 Friday. **Efficient Design and Analysis of Biospecimens with Incomplete Measurements.** *Speaker: Albert Vexler, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.* 10:00-11:00 am. Georgetown University, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, New Research Building, Room E501, 3900 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC . For information see <http://dbbb.georgetown.edu/seminarfall2006.html> Sponsor: Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics and Biomathematics, Georgetown University.

4, 5 Monday, Tuesday. **Creating and Updating Price Indexes: Theory and Practice.** *Instructors: Dennis J. Fixler, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Richard L. Valliant, University of Michigan.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-4:30 pm. Hyatt Regency Bethesda, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2006-1204.html>.

4 Monday. **OMB's Proposed Implementation Guidance for the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002(CIPSEA).** *Speaker: Brian Harris-Kojetin, Office of Management and Budget.* Chair: Katherine K. Wallman, Office of Management and Budget. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center Room 1. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Public Policy Section.

7 Thursday. **Ephedra: A Case Study of Statistics, Policy, and Politics.** *Speaker: Sally C. Morton, RTI International.* Chair: Dwight Brock, Westat. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Room 9. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Public Policy Section.

13 Wednesday. **WSS Holiday Party. Finger Foods and Cash Bar.** 6:00 – 9:00 pm Gordon Biersch Brewery, 900 F Street NW, Washington, DC. \$24 per person. Register by December 7, to Yves Thibaudeau, 1037 17Th ST S, Arlington, VA 22202. For information contact Yves at (301)-763-1706 or [yves.thibaudeau@census.gov](mailto:yves.thibaudeau@census.gov).

14 Thursday. **Weight Adjustments for the Grouped Jackknife Variance Estimator.** *Speaker: Richard L. Valliant, University of Michigan.* Discussant: Phillip S. Kott, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Chair: Clyde Tucker, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 12:30 to 2:00/ Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Center in G440. See BLS notice below. Sponsor: WSS Methodology Section.

20 Wednesday. **Using SAS PROC MIXED to Fit Individual Growth Models.** *Speaker: Charlie Hallahan.* SIGSTAT Meeting. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Room S3031, 1800 M St, NW. First-time attendees contact Charlie Hallahan, 202-694-5051, or [hallahan@ers.usda.gov](mailto:hallahan@ers.usda.gov). For information see [www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/](http://www.cpcug.org/user/sigstat/).

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*January Courses and Special Events*

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10, 11 Wednesday, Thursday. **The Psychology of Survey Response: Implications for Questionnaire Design** *Instructor: Roger Tourangeau, University of Maryland.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-5:00 pm. Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$582; others \$762. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-0110.html>.

18, 19 Thursday, Friday. **Methods for Testing Survey Questions.** *Instructor: Pamela Campanelli, Survey Methods Consultant.* Joint Program in Survey Methodology Short Course. 8:00-5:00 pm. Hyatt Regency Bethesda, MD. Fees: sponsoring agencies, affiliates and full-time university students \$550; others \$730. For information see <https://projects.isr.umich.edu/jpsm/materials/2007-0118.html>.

18-20 Thursday – Saturday. **Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling.** *Instructors: Ralph Mueller, George Washington University and Greg Hancock, University of Maryland.* Department of Measurement, Statistics and Evaluation, University of Maryland, Short Course. Stamp Student Union Building, University of Maryland, College Park. Fee \$595. For information phone 301-405-3629 or see <http://www.education.umd.edu/EDMS/ShortCourses/Spr2007.html>.

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